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**MARC TRAVEL AWARDS ANNOUNCED FOR
2012 GSA DROSOPHILA RESEARCH CONFERENCE**

Bethesda, MD – FASEB MARC (Maximizing Access to Research Careers) Program has announced the travel award recipients for the Genetics Society of America (GSA) Drosophila Research Conference in Chicago, IL from March 7-11, 2012. These awards are meant to promote the entry of underrepresented minority students, postdoctorates and scientists into the mainstream of the basic science community and to encourage the participation of young scientists at the GSA Drosophila Research Conference.

Awards are given to poster/platform presenters and faculty mentors paired with the students/trainees they mentor. This year MARC conferred 6 awards totaling \$9,900.

The FASEB MARC Program is funded by a grant from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, National Institutes of Health. A primary goal of the MARC Program is to increase the number and competitiveness of underrepresented minorities engaged in biomedical and behavioral research.

The following have been selected to receive FASEB MARC Travel Awards for their poster/platform presentations:

Karina Gomez, Claremont McKenna College
Dr. Amanda Larracuente, University of Rochester [GSA member]
Paulo Leal, University of Kansas [GSA member]
Justin McLaurin, San Francisco State University
Santiago Pineda, University of California, San Diego
Janel Rodriguez, Florida State University [GSA member]

FASEB is composed of 26 societies with more than 100,000 members, making it the largest coalition of biomedical research associations in the United States. Celebrating 100 Years of Advancing the Life Sciences in 2012, FASEB is rededicating its efforts to advance health and well-being by promoting progress and education in biological and biomedical sciences through service to our member societies and collaborative advocacy.